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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.00 cents last year on July 14, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.00
LEG QUARTERS	44.00
WINGS	82.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared and continued to move best. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current trade needs with lighter sizes in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate; boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and slow in clearing. Legs, leg quarters and drums were closely cleared. Wings were fully adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole fryer offerings were adequate for the light interest. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate at best with features and fast food sectors providing best draw. Floor stocks were balanced as buyers are being selective and purchasing for immediate needs only. Sizes were in a desirable range. Supplies of leg items were barely adequate to tight with wings and breast cuts adequate to ample. The market tone on dark meat cuts was fully steady to firm, and steady to barely steady on breast items and wings.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate for trade needs. Retailer demand was moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts. Floor stocks were adequate overall.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 9, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 9, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 9, 2005 were 4.76 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER CHICK PLACEMENT AND BROILER EGG SET TOTAL 19 STATES SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 07/09/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	211,794	211,359	0	
CHICKS PLACED	176,289	176,620	0	

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Aug-05 is estimated at 162.9 million head. This compares to 163.8 million head the previous week and to 165.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.56 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	633	138.00-210.00	140-145	145.45
TENDERLOINS	199	117.00-185.00	128-131	129.32
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	84.00-91.00	85-88	86.26
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	544	38.00-44.00	43-44	43.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,006	44.00-48.00	45-46	45.33
WINGS (WHOLE)	277	70.00-85.00	80-83	79.84
WINGS (CUT)	326	87.00-98.00	94-96	93.22
DRUMSTICKS	68	57.00-68.00	-	58.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-114.00	-	108.75

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	643	137.00-210.00	138-143	142.94
TENDERLOINS	199	117.00-185.00	128-131	130.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	85.00-91.00	85-88	86.15
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	524	38.00-44.00	43-44	43.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,047	44.00-48.00	45-46	45.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	277	70.00-85.00	80-83	79.84
WINGS (CUT)	321	87.00-98.00	94-96	93.16
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-68.00	-	59.18
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-114.00	-	108.75

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
50.75 - 57.00	53.40

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50-57.00	53.24	53.94

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers were somewhat cautious and worked hand-to-mouth as they monitored market developments. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Legs, leg quarters and drums were closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breast. Dark meat cuts ranged steady to firm. Bone-in breasts and wings were mostly steady to about steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	143.61	637,410
TENDERLOINS	125	124.82	247,942
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	93.52	95,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	88.76	82,800
LEGS	60-61	58.52	152,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.71	546,298
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	62.65	168,660
THIGHS	53-54	57.37	70,620
B/S THIGHS	104-105	99.08	125,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	78.38	225,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.40	12,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.81	11,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.47	19,600

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.18	452,935
TENDERLOINS	125	121.95	75,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	97.51	56,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	87.02	102,640
LEGS	61-62	61.21	114,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	44.84	344,080
DRUMSTICKS	63-64	63.71	98,320
THIGHS	53-54	60.08	65,080
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.47	54,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	81.79	202,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.61	12,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.33	11,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.52	23,400

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## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	4,053	4,065	2,822	5,592	5.16
Arkansas	5,517	5,488	5,390	6,000	5.25
Delmarva	2,294	2,319	2,278	2,775	5.56
KY-LA-TN	2,299	2,323	2,273	3,038	5.10
Mississippi	3,057	3,057	2,478	3,887	6.84
North Carolina	2,492	2,581	2,490	3,246	6.31
Texas	2,515	2,462	3,016	3,175	5.32
Total	22,227	22,295	20,747	27,713	5.58
Mon-Wed	65,943(B)				4.95

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Jul-05 is estimated to be 34,188,000 head up 0.44 percent from a week ago and up 5.82 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,039,000, last year 32,308,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Jul-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/16/05 (1)	07/09/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	166,028 (2)	148,056
Light hens	1,473	1,296
Heavy hens	1,575	1,212
Total	169,076	150,564

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Jul-05 is 166.6 million head compared to 163.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.4 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Jul-05 the estimated available is 166.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/11/05	114,512	45,874
AM 07/01/05	116,948	47,021
CHG	-2,436	-1,147
PCT CHG	-2	-2

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/11/05	07/04/05	07/12/04	07/11/05	07/04/05	07/12/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	3,995	4,020	9,237	5,674	6,026	4,757
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	72	73	360	3,201	3,389	3,299

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 11, 2005

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 07/12/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	2.75	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.80	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.85	1.05	.92	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.30	.97	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	6.00	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	1.75	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	53						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 8, 2005

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	82.41	160.60	109.89	21.13	6.34	70.58
High	88.75	169.06	118.34	25.36	12.68	70.58
Mostly	88.75	169.06	118.34	21.13	8.45	70.58

**SAN JUAN**

Low	82.84	160.60	109.89	21.13	6.34	71.85
High	88.75	173.28	118.34	25.36	12.68	71.85
Mostly	88.75	169.06	118.34	21.13	8.45	71.85

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	81.57	160.60	109.89	21.13	6.34	71.85
High	88.75	169.06	118.34	25.36	12.68	71.85
Mostly	88.75	169.06	118.34	21.13	8.45	71.85

**BECERRA**

Low	82.84	160.60	109.89	21.13	6.34	71.85
High	88.75	169.06	118.34	25.36	12.68	71.85
Mostly	88.75	169.06	118.34	21.13	8.45	71.85

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair for midweek business. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate with lighter sizes in the best position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were reported as light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, white meat items were at least sufficient to fully adequate, dark meat items were clearing easily. Wings were in balance to fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

68-85  
(A)  
(A)

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